

Interview Agenda

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Ex. Ailes,

Thank you for making time for a telephone interview Friday at 3 pm EST. In the interview, I would like to discuss exemplary Claim 1, which reads:

1. A method of operating a data processing network, comprising:
performing an initial link layer negotiation between a server and a switch to which the server is connected, wherein the initial negotiation establishes an initial operating frequency of a network link between the server and the switch;
following the initial network layer negotiation, measuring an effective data rate of the server based on network traffic communicated between the server and the switch over the network link; and
responsive to determining by the measuring that the effective data rate is materially less than a current bandwidth of the network link, performing a subsequent link layer negotiation to establish a modified operating frequency of the link, wherein the modified operating frequency is closer to the measured effective data rate than the initial operating frequency.

I would like to specifically discuss the combination of *Chawla* and *Ravi* with respect to the following features:

- A. "performing an initial link layer negotiation"
- B. "measuring an effective data rate"
- C. "performing a subsequent link layer negotiation to establish a modified operating frequency"

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